(b) what is the total short-fall of different petroleum products per year; and

(c) how does Government plan to become self-sufficient in petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The total net shortfall of different Petroleum Products during the last two years is as follows:—

Year	1996-97	1997-98
Shortfall (in million metric tonnes)	17.15	19.65

(c) Government has planned to set up a. number of refineries at different locations in the country in Public Sector/Joint Venture and Private Sector in order to meet the demand of Petroleum Products from domestic production.

Mini Gas Cylinders

1784. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price difference between illegally manufactured mini gas cylinders and legally manufactured cylinders; and

(b) how does Government plan to stop completely the manufacture of illegal mini gas cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) PSU Oil Companies arc marketing LPG through 14.2 Kg, 19 Kg and 47.5 Kg capacity cylinders which do not come in the category of mini cylinders. The current average procurement cost of these cylinders in Rs. 900/-, Rs. HOCK- and Rs. 1960/- respectively.

However, instances of illegal manufacture of the small LPG cylinders in Meerut by some small scale units registered with the Directorate of Industry, Meerut have come to the notice. The Chief Controller of Explosives, Bureau of Indian Standards and State Govt. Authorities of Uttar Pradesh and N.C.T. Delhi were requested to' take action under relevant laws against the manufacture of illegal LPG cylinders. Small cylinders conforming to specifications of BIS and CCOE can be used.

Capacity of Lakwa Plant of GAIL

1785. SHRI DRUPAD BORGO HAIN: Will the Minister of PET ROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total capacity of Lakwa Plant of Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL);

(b) wether the Plant's capacity is fully utilised;

(c) if not, the reason therefor; and

(d) what measures have been taken to utilise its full capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERS OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The installed capacity of the LPG recovery plant of GAIL at Lakwa is 85,000 Tonnes Per Annum (TPA).

(b) to (d) No, Sir. It is so inspite of ONGC's efforts to increase the availability of gas.

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1786. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र** : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि **:**

(क) क्या यह यह हैं कि इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन देश में संभावनाओं का पता लगाने की बजाय विदेशी बाजारों पर अपनी पकड़ बनाना चाहता हैं, और

(ख) क्या यह भी सच हैं कि पहले भारतीय लुब्रीकैन्ट बाजार में इसका हिस्सा 48 प्रतिशत था, जो अब घटकर 40 प्रतिशत रह गया हैं ?